

St. Joseph Parish Force, PA Bringing Eucharistic Life to the Valley since 1872

A religious painting of Jesus Christ with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white tunic and a blue outer garment. He has a golden halo with radiating lines. The background is a mix of yellow and green. Overlaid on the lower half of the image is a purple floral wreath. Inside the wreath, the text "Fourth Sunday of Lent" is written in a white, serif font.

Fourth
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of Lent

Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021
 Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 . . . \$3,462.00
 Regular Offertory 03/01/21 thru 03/08/21 . . . \$4,151.00
 CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal . . . \$33,199.00
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Please remember your prayers for the unborn these 40 Days!

The individually-prayed Novena to St. Joseph continues thru the Feast Day of St. Joseph on March 19. Let us pray this Novena together in this Year of St. Joseph in honor of him.



“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.”
 Join us at St. Joseph Church every Tuesday at 6:00 pm.



March 21st — Confirmation Classes will be held in the social hall from 10:30-12:30. Lesson 19: “Who is Mary?” & Lesson 20: “WWJD?” will be discussed.
Faith Formation Classes: Our next in-person class will be March 14. Please remember this is the time for the Rice bowl donations! Anyone needing a rice bowl can find them in the vestibule or come to the church office.

Baptismal Training Session Schedule:
 March 20 10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart St. Marys 834-7861
 April 20 7:00 p.m. St. Leo Ridgway 772-3135

St. Joseph Fish/Shrimp Dinners are selling! Order a Haddock fillet or Fantail Shrimp dinner and enjoy not having to cook this Friday. **Take-out only from Noon thru 6:30 pm (or until sold out).** The dinners can be ordered in advance at 787-4151 #6 on the day of the dinner or if you forgot to order by phone, just stop by and order at the parking lot booth between the hours given. **All dinners are \$12.00.**

DuBois Central Catholic Annual Spaghetti Dinner catered by Luigi’s will be Sunday, March 28. Pick-up only at DCC from 11-2. Call 371-3060 for tickets.

Sacred Heart Parish Social Committee is having its Mini Spring Sale. Pre-orders only will be accepted until 3:30 pm on March 26. Drive thru pick-up will be on March 31 from 3-6 pm. To order call 834-7861 #1. See insert for detail on yummy items.



St. Joseph Website
 Saturday and Sunday Masses at our church have resumed. Recorded Mass at this time will not be available until Holy Week Services due to technical adjustment. Please refer to the website for updates and the bulletin. Website: stjosephforce.org



Lenten and Life Spiritual Exercise
 The Ten Commandments
 (part 2)

How well are we all living the Ten Commandments? Take this time to reflect and correct every area of life that is not living out these commandments in the way God intended. (Exodus 20:1-17) The following are the remaining Commandments given to us from God.

6. “You shall not commit adultery.” This Commandment forbids anyone who is married to have a physical relationship with someone else other than their spouse whether the other person be single or married. Through this Commandment if anyone is having such a relationship, our Lord is telling them to stop.

7. “You shall not steal.” If anyone has taken anything from someone which does not belong to them without the other person’s permission, this is stealing. This can also include taking someone’s copyright information, committing forgery or plagiarism. Accompanying anyone in stealing is also agreeing and sharing in breaking this Commandment.

8. “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.” Lying is breaking this Commandment. Also, a good question may be *have we said anything about someone that is not true.* This is Calumny. Had we said anything about someone that is true that we had no business to say or had no permission to say? If it becomes harmful to that person, this is Detraction. Calumny, Lying, and Detraction break the 8th Commandment.

9. “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.” Do we have a big desire in our heart for someone else’s house and/or property even to the point of jealousy or doing all we can to have a house like theirs?

10. “You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him.” Are we satisfied with the things we have? What’s in our hearts?

Necessary Lenten Practices

- ✠ Sacred Scripture for reflection
 — Today’s Gospel: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.” (John 3:16)
- ✠ Take the Rice Bowl and fill it with your contribution for those in greatest need.
- ✠ Go to Confession: Go to Confession on Saturday afternoon before Mass; by appointment in the Faith Formation Center; or during our Penance Service on Palm Sunday, March 28 at 3:00 p.m.

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 15, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Father J. Daniel Dymski	Father Mark	Lenten Weekday	Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday, March 16, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Msgr. Paul H. Olmsted	Father Mark	Lenten Weekday	Ez 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday, March 17, 2021 No Mass			 Saint Patrick, Bishop	Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30
Thursday, March 18, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Msgr. Daniel K. Arnold	Father Mark	Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop	Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47
 Friday, March 19 8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Joseph's Intentions for our Parish	Parishioners	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday, March 20, 2021 No Mass			Lenten Weekday	Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53
Saturday, March 20, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Josephine Moyer	Family and Friends	Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent	(See below)
Sunday, March 21, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Fifth Sunday of Lent	Jer 31:31-34 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33

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HOURS

St. Joseph Church will be open Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Wed. 8 am — 4 pm; Sat. 9:00 am — 7 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday.....9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:15 a.m.; Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m., No Mass Wednesday

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.**Eucharist** – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.**Confirmation** – High School youth who are entering the 11th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.**R.C.I.A.** – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

Priesthood/Permanent Deaconate – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Deaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.**Matrimony** – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick – Celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available upon request.**Reconciliation** – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m., or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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